THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE V.ESWARAIAH

WRIT PETITION No :14427 of 2007

DATED:06-07-2007

BETWEEN:

P.Arun Kumar.

..... PETITIONER

AND

The State,
Rep., by the Superintendent of Police,
Ananthapur District & 4 others.

.....RESPONDENTS

ORDER:

The petitioner states that he ekes out his livelihood by arranging skill games such as ring throw; ball box, video games, dart throw, steel games etc., as a mobile vendor. He states, that these games involve skill and are thus excluded from the ambit of A.P.Gaming Act, 1974 (for brevity, 'the Act') *qua* Section 15 of the Act. He also asserts that he is not indulging in any other activities prohibited either under the Act or any other legislation. Yet, the petitioner complains, the officials of the respondents are interfering with the petitioner's legitimate activities and not permitting him to pursue his business of skill games. In the circumstances, the writ petition is filed for appropriate relief.

Learned Government Pleader for Home concedes the legal position that the respondents are not entitled to interfere in any legitimate activity of a citizen, including the petitioner, in respect of exhibition of skill games such as ring throw, ball box, video games, dart throw, steel games etc., which are games of skills.

In the circumstances, the Writ Petition is disposed

of directing the respondents not to interfere with the legitimate business of the petitioner. No costs.

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V.ESWARAIAH,J

06th March, 2007.
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